

Next Meeting: June 14, 2014 9:00a.m.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Gloria Skylstad

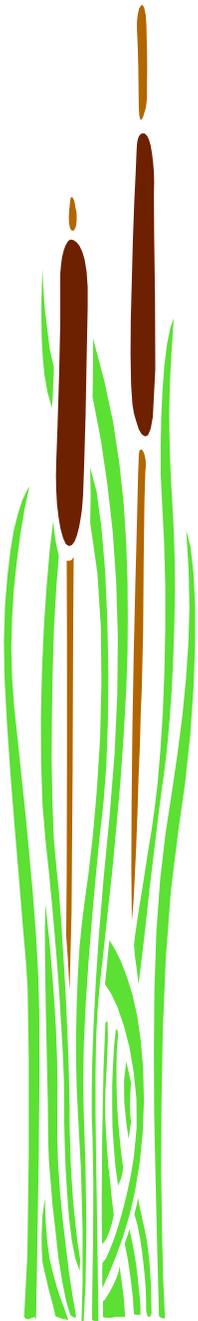
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Please MapQuest for directions.

Rita will be giving an update on the May Pond Tour. Remember to return your Pond Tour Supplies to Rita at this meeting.

Please bring your own chair and bags or buckets for any fish or plants that may be available



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President's Letter

Hello GPPS members!

Wow, what a great pond tour! My wife May and I went to see all of the ponds on the tour (we actually saw them all but one) and they were all fabulous! We were thoroughly impressed by all of the ponds we saw on the tour. I would like to thank all of the pond tour participants for allowing the public to come in to see your beautiful yards and ponds! I know you all worked very hard to get everything ready for the tour; your hard work and pride showed.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the hard work of our GPPS members especially GPPS Vice-President Rita Karsten. Rita and her team worked extremely hard to put together this year's pond tour and on behalf of every GPPS member I thank them all. The road to every pond tour starts at the beginning of each year in January. This is when the planning starts, the pond tour host list is posted, the dates are discussed and the volunteers wishing to help along the way are recruited.

During the months leading up to the pond tour all of the logistics come together and the push to get the information about the tour out to the public becomes a major focus. We have two events that help us get the information out to the public; one has been tied in with the Valley of the Sun Koi Club's annual Koi Show and the other is the Maricopa County Home & Landscape Show. Both events require volunteers to work the booths during these events. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out at both events.

All of this culminated in a very successful 18th annual GPPS Pond Tour!

The next GPPS meeting will be on June 14, 2014 at the home of Gloria Skylstad in Sun City, AZ I hope to see you all there!

Dave Nelson - President

Please Note: We do not have a meeting host scheduled for November 2014. If you are able to be a meeting host for that month, please contact the newsletter Editors, Fern Shaw or Gloria Skylstad, or President Dave Nelson so that we can put you on the schedule.



This beautiful pond belongs to Don and Fern Shaw.

2014 POND TOUR

What a great bunch of ponds/yards we had on tour this year! I sure hope you had a chance to see some or all of them. It is so wonderful to see the variety of kinds of ponds/yards. Every one is unique, just like the people that make up our club. The

tour participants put in a lot of work to have them at their peak for show and they really looked super. Jeff and I were able to see all of them (203 miles). Jeff took pictures and video of each one and hopefully will have them available for the June meeting. He has been really busy at work so if he doesn't have it in June we will bring it to the September meeting. Please take a moment and thank the tour participants and committee members for their part in getting the tour accomplished. Just a reminder to tour participants to be sure that the signs and other supplies are returned by this meeting. I want to have it wrapped up by then.

Thanks again to everyone involved.

Rita



There is a lot of algae running amok right now for most of us pond enthusiasts. So if your pond looks like the creature from the black lagoon might step out of it at any second we have some useful tips that will make your pond look more like paradise rather than that swamp thing.

1. Get rid of that algae. Greenclean it! Greenclean is still the most effective product for string algae. Remember, follow manufactures dosing and application instructions carefully, as with any algaecide.

2. Use your bacteria 2 days after your algaecide. That will insure the dead algae gets digested and does not resurrect itself like in all those scary movies. Microbe-lift PL. Ultra clear SST. Acurel-E.

3. Go undercover. Get some plants that create a nice cover for your pond. Shade limits algae growth. Water lilies, water Hawthorne, Hyacinth, and Water Lettuce all do a nice job. Have some fun with it too, and try something new. Night blooming water lilies are spectacular! They open around 7:00pm, but what people don't know is that they stay open until 12:00pm the next day. That means you can have your morning coffee with them. Now that's something nice to look at before you are staring blankly at someone's bumper on your morning commute.

4.Keep it clean. Use your bacteria regularly. If you need an added boost use the Spring/Summer cleaner or the Oxypond Cleaner by Microbe-lift. If you're the adventurous type try the pond tints. They come in blue and black. They filter the sunlight which inhibits algae growth

5. Throw in some barley. Not from the grocery store, but from the pond store. You can choose from a liquid: Microbe-lift's Barley straw, Barley straw+Peat or Barley Bales, and Barley Pellets. Barley has a natural enzyme that inhibits algae growth, and you can use it at the same time you use your bacteria.

Information provided by Pondbiz

Water Lilies need heavy feeding to promote blooming. They also do much better in still water so move them away from moving water such at fountains and waterfalls.

Ponds without plant shelves can use floating planters for their plants.



Check out the new FAQ'S at www.phoenixponds.com

Pond Happenings

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 newsletter, send your submissions to:
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Have a tip, trick, recommendation or idea? Send it newsltr@phoenixponds.com

Pond Happenings

Upcoming Meetings & Events			
Month	Location	Month	Location
June 14, 2014	Gloria Skylstad	Sept 2014	George & Diane Morris
July 2014	No Meeting	Oct 2014	Les & Janice Tanzer
Aug 2014	No Meeting	Nov 2014	TBD

A request from GPPS Webmaster Dennis Beard

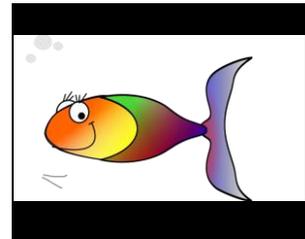
GPPS has "FAQs" that are listed on the <http://www.phoenixponds.com/archive/gppsfaq.htm> web page. This page is now a link on the left navigation bar titled -- guess? FAQs

I solicit your assistance in helping the club's website. Please write some questions with the answers and send them to the webmaster link on the FAQ page. If you know a good outside source to your answer -- copy the address at the bottom of the supplied answer.

Time To Rejoin GPPS for 2011!

Membership forms will be on the table at the monthly meetings or contact the treasurer,
Ed Tunstall, 5439 E. Dolphin Ave, Mesa, AZ 85206-2208.

The cost is \$25 to join or renew your membership. Dues should be received by December 31st.



Happy Father's Day